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## TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES NEW BAHAMAS RELIEF FUND MATCHING GIFT FROM THE MATTHEW AND TRACY SMITH FOUNDATION

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Town of Palm Beach United Way supporters **Matthew and Tracy Smith** have generously pledged a \$50,000 matching gift toward the Town of Palm Beach United Way Bahamas Relief Fund.

The relief fund was established in collaboration with the Town of Palm Beach to support long-term recovery efforts in the Bahamas following the devastating Hurricane Dorian.

The Town of Palm Beach United Way is proud to announce it has raised the funds to meet an inaugural \$100,000 matching gift from long-time donors **John and Jana Scarpa**. To date, more than \$200,000 has been collected from more than 120 donors.

“Tracy and I were heartbroken when we saw the devastation of the Abacos and Grand Bahama Island,” said Mr. Smith. “We want to offer a matching grant because we know that the Palm Beach United Way is a very important organization in this town with the ability to provide funds to local organizations on a larger scale. The Bahamas is very near and dear to many of us in Palm Beach and we want to help with the long-term reconstruction of the islands.”

The Town of Palm Beach United Way is committed to raising a significant amount of dollars that will have lasting benefits as the Bahamian people rebuild their homes, businesses and communities in the months and years ahead.

“We are so grateful for the extraordinary response we’ve seen so far,” said Board Chairman Mary Freitas. “The Palm Beach community was remarkable in helping us meet the first matching gift and now we’re looking forward to raising even more so that we can truly make a difference in the lives of our Bahamian neighbors.”

To donate to the Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund visit [palmbeachunitedway.org/hurricane-relief](http://palmbeachunitedway.org/hurricane-relief). Donations are tax deductible and 100% will go directly to long-term relief efforts in the Bahamas. For more information call 561-655-1919.

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